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TO: ELIGIBLE HMGP SUBGRANT APPLICANTS
DATE: April 21, 2009
SUBJECT: DR-1810 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)

The California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) is announcing the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for the November 2008 California Wildfires, DR-1810. Approximately \$10 million is available to fund cost-effective mitigation projects or the development of local multi-hazard mitigation plans. The federal share may not exceed 75 percent of the total activity cost. State and local governments, special districts, public colleges and universities, and certain private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply.

To receive federal funding for hazard mitigation projects, sub-grant applicants must have a FEMA-approved local multi-hazard mitigation plan by the close of the application period on August 14, 2009. CalEMA will review sub-grant applications to ensure that the proposed activity is in conformance with the goals and objectives of that plan.

The state-established program priorities are enclosed with this notification. Application activities that are not consistent with the state-established priorities will not be ranked. Please consider the priorities when selecting your mitigation activity.

All sub-grant applicants will be required to submit a Notice of Interest (NOI). A separate NOI is required for each proposed activity. CalEMA will only accept project and planning activity NOIs from sub-grant applicants in declared counties. Declared counties are Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and Santa Barbara.

The NOI will be available on the CalEMA web site at www.oes.ca.gov on April 24, 2009, and must be submitted to CalEMA electronically. The NOI must be received by CalEMA no later than 5:00 pm on June 6, 2009. No late NOIs will be accepted. CalEMA will review the NOIs and provide a determination via e-mail. An approved NOI is required for each sub-grant application submitted. Each applicant will be restricted to a maximum of two project applications.

Those submitting approved NOIs will be notified of the availability of the DR-1810 HMGP application. The application and the list of ranking factors will be available on the CalEMA website on June 8, 2009. Sub-grant applications must be submitted to CalEMA by 5:00 pm on August 14, 2009.

If you have any questions, contact the Hazard Mitigation Branch at (916) 845-8150.

Important Dates:

April 24, 2009 -- NOI available on CalEMA website

June 6, 2009 -- NOI due to CalEMA

June 8, 2009-- Application available on CalEMA website

August 14, 2009 -- Application due to CalEMA

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Worman".

KEN WORMAN
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

PROGRAM PRIORITIES FOR DR-1810 HMGP

The current funding estimate for DR-1810 is approximately \$10 million. The state has established the following specific priorities (all activities are equally weighted):

1. Project Activities:

- Sub-grant applicants must have a FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) by the application submission deadline of August 14, 2009. Project activities must be in conformance with this LHMP.
 - Federal Share may not exceed \$2 million. Performance Period may not exceed 3 years.
 - Must be located in a declared county (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara).
 - Each applicant will be restricted to a maximum of two applications.
- a. Fire mitigation projects. Specifically, defensible space, ignition resistant materials, and fuels reduction activities.
 - b. Flood mitigation projects. Specifically, flood barriers, culverts, and basins.
 - c. Elevation or acquisition of repetitively damaged structures and structures in high flood hazard areas.
 - d. Structural and non-structural seismic retrofits.

2. Planning Activities:

- Federal Share may not exceed \$150,000 for multi-jurisdiction initial plans and updates.
 - Federal Share may not exceed \$75,000 for single jurisdiction plans and updates.
- a. New Multi or Single jurisdiction LHMP developed in accordance with Section 322 of the Stafford Act.
 - b. A comprehensive review and update of an existing LHMP to meet the five year plan update requirement under 44 CFR Part 201.
 - c. Must be located in a declared county (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara).